



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

October 2022 Grand Jury

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CR 2:23-cr-00397-WLH

Plaintiff,

I N D I C T M E N T

v.

RYAN SCOTT BRADFORD,  
aka "Peck.erwood88,"  
aka "Peck Erwood,"  
aka "@Peck erwood818,"

[21 U.S.C. § 846: Conspiracy to  
Distribute and Possess with Intent  
to Distribute Methamphetamine; 21  
U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C):  
Possession with Intent to  
Distribute Methamphetamine; 18  
U.S.C. § 922(g)(1): Felon in  
Possession of Ammunition; 18  
U.S.C. § 924; 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c):  
Criminal Forfeiture]

Defendant.

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT ONE

[21 U.S.C. § 846]

A. OBJECTS OF THE CONSPIRACY

Beginning on a date unknown to the Grand Jury, and continuing through on or about November 13, 2022, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendant RYAN SCOTT BRADFORD, also known as ("aka") "Peck.erwood88," aka "Peck Erwood," aka "@Peck erwood818" ("BRADFORD"), conspired with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, including unindicted co-

1 conspirator #1, to knowingly and intentionally distribute and possess  
2 with intent to distribute methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled  
3 substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections  
4 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C).

5 B. MANNER AND MEANS OF THE CONSPIRACY

6 1. Defendant BRADFORD would identify individuals who were able  
7 to supply methamphetamine to unindicted co-conspirator #1.

8 2. Unindicted co-conspirator #1 would obtain methamphetamine  
9 and other drugs from sources of supply.

10 3. Defendant BRADFORD would identify customers who would  
11 purchase drugs from unindicted co-conspirator #1.

12 4. Unindicted co-conspirator #1 would sell methamphetamine and  
13 other drugs to customers in Los Angeles County.

14 5. Defendant BRADFORD would store and package methamphetamine  
15 for unindicted co-conspirator #1.

16 6. Unindicted co-conspirator #1 would supply defendant  
17 BRADFORD with methamphetamine to use as payment.

18 7. Unindicted co-conspirator #1 would arm himself with  
19 firearms in connection with his drug distribution activities.

20 C. OVERT ACTS

21 In furtherance of the conspiracy and to accomplish its objects,  
22 on or about the following dates, defendant BRADFORD and others known  
23 and unknown to the Grand Jury, including unindicted co-conspirator  
24 #1, committed various overt acts in Los Angeles County, within the  
25 Central District of California, and elsewhere, including, but not  
26 limited to, the following:

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1       Overt Act No. 1:    On June 1, 2022, unindicted co-conspirator  
2 #1 possessed loaded firearms, methamphetamine, heroin, a scale,  
3 materials to package drugs, and \$5,556 in cash.

4       Overt Act No. 2:    On July 23, 2022, defendant BRADFORD  
5 identified a drug customer who wanted to purchase drugs from  
6 unindicted co-conspirator #1.

7       Overt Act No. 3:    On July 23, 2022, defendant BRADFORD  
8 instructed a drug customer to travel to a location in Reseda,  
9 California to obtain drugs from unindicted co-conspirator #1.

10       Overt Act No. 4:    On July 31, 2022, defendant BRADFORD  
11 provided unindicted co-conspirator #1 with the name and telephone  
12 number of a drug customer.

13       Overt Act No. 5:    On August 9, 2022, defendant BRADFORD  
14 offered to assist unindicted co-conspirator #1 distribute drugs to  
15 customers via the "dark web."

16       Overt Act No. 6:    On September 28, 2022, unindicted co-  
17 conspirator #1 offered to supply defendant BRADFORD with  
18 methamphetamine for defendant BRADFORD to use.

19       Overt Act No. 7:    On November 12, 2022, defendant BRADFORD  
20 identified a methamphetamine source of supply for unindicted co-  
21 conspirator #1.

22       Overt Act No. 8:    On November 13, 2022, defendant BRADFORD  
23 stored methamphetamine at his residence in Reseda, California for  
24 unindicted co-conspirator #1.

25       Overt Act No. 9:    On November 13, 2022, defendant BRADFORD  
26 packaged the methamphetamine that he was storing for unindicted co-  
27 conspirator #1 and made arrangements to deliver it to unindicted co-  
28 conspirator #1.

1       Overt Act No. 10:   On November 13, 2022, unindicted co-  
2 conspirator #1 supplied defendant BRADFORD with methamphetamine for  
3 defendant BRADFORD to use.

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1 COUNT TWO

2 [21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C)]

3 On or about November 13, 2022, in Los Angeles County, within the  
4 Central District of California, defendant RYAN SCOTT BRADFORD, also  
5 known as ("aka") "Peck.erwood88," aka "Peck Erwood," aka "@Peck  
6 erwood818," knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to  
7 distribute methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

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1 COUNT THREE

2 [18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1)]

3 On or about July 27, 2023, in Los Angeles County, within the  
4 Central District of California, defendant RYAN SCOTT BRADFORD, also  
5 known as ("aka") "Peck.erwood88," aka "Peck Erwood," aka "@Peck  
6 erwood818" ("BRADFORD"), knowingly possessed ammunition, namely:

7 1. 76 rounds of 9mm caliber ammunition with headstamp "WIN";

8 2. 21 rounds of 5.56 caliber ammunition with headstamp "LC  
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10 3. 9 rounds of 5.56 caliber ammunition with headstamp "LC 15"  
11 and a NATO cross;

12 4. 3 rounds of 5.56 caliber ammunition with headstamp "LC 16"  
13 and a NATO cross; and

14 5. 7 rounds of 7.62x39 caliber ammunition  
15 in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce.

16 Defendant BRADFORD possessed such ammunition knowing that he had  
17 previously been convicted of the following felony crime, punishable  
18 by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year: Burglary, in violation  
19 of California Penal Code Section 459, in the Superior Court for the  
20 State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case Number  
21 LASPA07300001, on or about October 30, 2012.

1 FORFEITURE ALLEGATION ONE

2 [21 U.S.C. § 853; 18 U.S.C. § 924; 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)]

3 1. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(a) of the Federal Rules of Criminal  
4 Procedure, notice is hereby given that the United States of America  
5 will seek forfeiture as part of any sentence, pursuant to Title 21,  
6 United States Code, Section 853, Title 18, United States Code,  
7 Section 924, and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), in  
8 the event of defendant's conviction of any of the offenses set forth  
9 in Counts One through Two of this Indictment.

10 2. The defendant, if so convicted, shall forfeit to the United  
11 States of America the following:

12 (a) All right, title and interest in any and all property,  
13 real or personal, constituting or derived from, any proceeds which  
14 the defendant obtained, directly or indirectly, from any such  
15 offense;

16 (b) All right, title and interest in any and all property,  
17 real or personal, used, or intended to be used, in any manner or  
18 part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of any such offense;

19 (c) All right, title, and interest in any firearm or  
20 ammunition involved in or used in any such offense; and

21 (d) To the extent such property is not available for  
22 forfeiture, a sum of money equal to the total value of the property  
23 described in subparagraphs (a), (b), and (c).

24 3. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p),  
25 as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), the  
26 defendant, if so convicted, shall forfeit substitute property if, by  
27 any act or omission of defendant, the property described in the  
28 preceding paragraph, or any portion thereof: (a) cannot be located

1 upon the exercise of due diligence; (b) has been transferred, sold  
2 to, or deposited with a third party; (c) has been placed beyond the  
3 jurisdiction of the court; (d) has been substantially diminished in  
4 value; or (e) has been commingled with other property that cannot be  
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1 FORFEITURE ALLEGATION TWO

2 [18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)]

3 1. Pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal  
4 Procedure, notice is hereby given that the United States of America  
5 will seek forfeiture as part of any sentence, pursuant to Title 18,  
6 United States Code, Section 924(d)(1), and Title 28, United States  
7 Code, Section 2461(c), in the event of the defendant's conviction of  
8 the offense set forth in Count Three of this Indictment.

9 2. The defendant, if so convicted, shall forfeit to the United  
10 States of America the following:

11 (a) All right, title, and interest in any firearm or  
12 ammunition involved in or used in any such offense; and

13 (b) To the extent such property is not available for  
14 forfeiture, a sum of money equal to the total value of the property  
15 described in subparagraph (a).

16 3. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p),  
17 as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), the  
18 convicted defendant shall forfeit substitute property, up to the  
19 value of the property described in the preceding paragraph if, as the  
20 result of any act or omission of said defendant, the property  
21 described in the preceding paragraph or any portion thereof (a)  
22 cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; (b) has been  
23 transferred, sold to, or deposited with a third party; (c) has been  
24 placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court; (d) has been

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1 substantially diminished in value; or (e) has been commingled with  
2 other property that cannot be divided without difficulty.

3 A TRUE BILL  
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5 /s/  
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